

## SENATE BILL NO. 61

INTRODUCED BY COCCHIARELLA

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENT OF ~~FOUR~~ TWO LEGISLATIVE LIAISONS TO THE STATE COMPENSATION INSURANCE FUND BOARD OF DIRECTORS; ~~AUTHORIZING LIAISONS TO ATTEND BOARD MEETINGS AND RECEIVE INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE FROM STATE COMPENSATION INSURANCE FUND STAFF~~; PROVIDING COMPENSATION AND LENGTH OF SERVICE; AMENDING SECTION 2-15-1019, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

**Section 1.** Section 2-15-1019, MCA, is amended to read:

**"2-15-1019. Board of directors of state compensation insurance fund -- legislative liaisons. (1)**

There is a board of directors of the state compensation insurance fund.

(2) The board is allocated to the department for administrative purposes only as prescribed in 2-15-121. However, the board may employ its own staff.

(3) The board may provide for its own office space and the office space of the state fund.

(4) The board consists of seven members appointed by the governor. The executive director of the state fund is an ex officio nonvoting member.

(5) At least four of the seven members ~~must~~ shall represent state fund policyholders and may be employees of state fund policyholders. At least four members of the board shall represent private, for-profit enterprises. One of the seven members may be a licensed insurance producer. A member of the board may not:

(a) except for the licensed insurance producer member, represent or be an employee of an insurance company that is licensed to transact workers' compensation insurance under compensation plan No. 2; or

(b) be an employee of a self-insured employer under compensation plan No. 1.

(6) A member is appointed for a term of 4 years. The terms of board members must be staggered. A member of the board may serve no more than two 4-year terms. A member shall hold office until a successor is appointed and qualified.

(7) The members must be appointed and compensated in the same manner as members of a

quasi-judicial board as provided in 2-15-124, except that the requirement that at least one member be an attorney does not apply.

(8) There must be ~~four~~ TWO legislative liaisons to the board consisting of:

~~(a) two representatives, including one from each party, appointed by the speaker of the house; and~~  
~~(b) two senators, including one from each party, appointed by the president of the senate~~ MEMBERS OF THE ECONOMIC AFFAIRS INTERIM COMMITTEE, PROVIDED FOR IN 5-5-223, ~~APPOINTED BY THE~~. THE PRESIDING OFFICER OF THE ECONOMIC AFFAIRS INTERIM COMMITTEE SHALL APPOINT THE LIAISONS FROM TWO SEPARATE POLITICAL PARTIES AT THE FIRST INTERIM COMMITTEE MEETING.

~~(9) Except for the initial appointment of legislative liaisons, who shall serve from July 1, 2005, through December 31, 2006, subsequent liaisons shall serve for 2 calendar years, with appointments made pursuant to subsection (8) as soon as practicable.~~ LEGISLATIVE LIAISONS SHALL SERVE FROM APPOINTMENT AT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE ECONOMIC AFFAIRS INTERIM COMMITTEE THROUGH EACH BIENNium THROUGH EACH EVEN-NUMBERED CALENDAR YEAR.

(10) A legislative liaison may:

(a) attend board meetings; AND  
(b) receive board meeting agendas and information relating to agenda items from the staff of the state fund; and  
~~(c) upon request, receive information and assistance from the staff of the state fund regarding state fund operations.~~

(11) Legislative liaisons, appointed pursuant to subsection (8), are entitled to compensation and expenses, as provided in 5-2-302, TO BE PAID BY THE ECONOMIC AFFAIRS INTERIM COMMITTEE."

**NEW SECTION. Section 2. Effective date -- applicability.** [This act] is effective ~~July 1, 2005~~, ON ~~PASSAGE AND APPROVAL~~ and applies to appointments made on or after ~~July 1, 2005~~ [THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT].

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